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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of Soichi YAMAZAKI and Hiroyuki MURAKAMI  
TONER, FIXING DEVICE, AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS  
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**  
Our Ref. Q78048

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising one hundred seventeen (117) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, sixteen (16) sheets of drawings, and three tables. **The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and Assignment will be filed at a later date.** Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	54	-	20	=	34	x	\$18.00	=	\$612.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=		x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$770.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$1382.00</b>

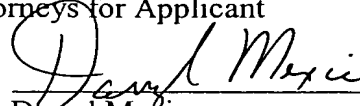
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-305176	October 18, 2002
Japan	2003-203636	July 30, 2003

The priority documents are enclosed herewith. Since the anniversary of the earliest priority date fell on Saturday, October 18, 2003, the filing of this application on Monday, October 20, 2003, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of all the priority applications.

Respectfully submitted,  
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